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WILL OF A. M. McLAUGHLIN

The last will of the late A. M. McLaughlin has been admitted to record in the County Clerk's office here and disposes of his estate, in brief, as follows:

To his daughter, Mrs. Grace Massey, he gives the southwest end of the Clifton farm, set off by metes and bounds as containing 125 acres.

To his daughter, Margaret Anna Arbuckle, he gives 15 acres facing the Frankford road, and also the land lying on the east side of the Brush road, between said road and Cove's creek, estimated at 140 acres.

To his daughter, Mary Elizabeth Lula Arbuckle, all of Clifton farm on the west and northwest side of the Brush road, estimated at 120 acres, adjoining P. H. Lightner and others.

To his son, Rev. Henry W. McLaughlin, he gives all the balance of said farm, which includes the residence, and estimated at 300 acres. He gives to Henry W. and his daughters, Anna and Lula, equally, 100 acres on the Keister road.

To his daughter, Mrs. Massey, he also gives 100 acres on the south side of the Alum Spring road, bought of Jacob Loudermilk.

To his son, Edgar H. 150 acres, the Johnson place near Marlinton, and a three-fourth acre lot near the Court-house, subject to certain rights.

He gives to his son, Lee P. McLaughlin, 534 acres in Pocahontas county, known as the Spruce Knob or Alvin Clark land. To his wife he gives all household and kitchen furniture, her choice of two horses and three cows, household supplies, and the sum of \$5,000, with the right to hold the residence and the lots and grounds near around it as long as she lives or desires.

To his daughter Lula Arbuckle he gives \$2,000 in money, and to Edgar H. McLaughlin \$3,000. All other money he directs to be equally divided among his six children.

He appoints his three sons, Henry W., Lee P. and Edgar H. McLaughlin, his executors, without security. They are allowed to hold the farm for six months, if they desire, to prepare the stock for sale.

The will is written in Mr. McLaughlin's handwriting, and is dated March 14th, 1910.—Greentriper Independent.

A BATTLE ROYAL

In the sixties by the sword and blood of man the question of "State rights" was supposed to have been settled. It was; but only so far as sword and blood can settle such matters—when more swords are in evidence and more blood to be let sword and blood mooted questions rise from their bloody sleep—grim and gaunt specter to urge men to renewed contest.

In the great prohibition contest now assuming nation wide proportions the question of "state rights" has stalked ghost-like through our national halls; and our highest courts have seen his grim face: both alike, in the wisdom gained through the hush of commingled tears of north and south since their awful struggle, and finding the reason of a real brotherly love have decided that both Nation and States have rights and that there is no real conflict. How slowly nations reason. It is not of the blood red battle field of the sixties when southern sod turned crimson and mothers of north and south alike awaited in vain the return of sons who had sacrificed life for what each thought right, nor of the present congressional and judicial settlement of this great question: but to say to you that today the sovereign States of West Virginia and Texas are asserting their rights in a contest for a Shetland pony offered by the Curtis Publishing Company.

The representatives of West Virginia is the firm of Bean Bros. twin boys 12 years old. William and Hunter are in the lead—can they stay there. Will West Virginia lightly yield this honor to her sister state of Texas.

Help the boys and thereby fight for the supremacy of your State.

A car load of elk (25 in number) from Yellow Stone Park arrived at Hot Springs Tuesday of this week. They arrived in fine condition in charge of a care-taker from the park and were loaded in crates prepared on wagons and hauled to Fassfern Farm where Mr. Tate Sterrett is enclosing a large place in which to keep them. He has shown great enterprise and public spirit in obtaining this herd of elk and they will be a great advertisement for Bath county. A large crowd gathered at the depot at Hot Springs to see them unloaded. This was managed in the most expert manner and without the least hitch—Bath Enterprise.

ANTI-SALOON RECOLLECTIONS

In 1847 Mrs. Matilda Craig, the widowed wife of the much lamented George E. Craig, was living at Huntersville. She owned a servant that was obedient and very efficient when sober, but when drunk was irritable and dangerously disobedient, and threatened the life of his mistress more than once. She confided her troubles to Col. Paul McNeal. At a meeting of the county court not long afterwards, on Col. McNeal's motion, all saloon licenses were revoked. The entire country was convulsed with controversy for and against the action of the court. The conservative element opposed this action as something that was doing violence to personal liberty and depriving the county of revenue. On the other hand the action of the court was defended by circuit riders, local preachers, exhorters and sober-minded citizens. Whenever and wherever this refusal of saloon license was discussed, this thrilling Scripture would be repeated and commented upon: "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink that putteth thy bottle to him and maketh drunken also." Hab. 2: 15.

The more conscientious element of the conservative opposition however began to reason to this effect: If these woes are denounced against the use of wine, what fearful woes must those be liable to who do anything to license the use of whiskey and give alcoholic drink to neighbors. Then too, it seemed to occur to many minds that it would be far better to avoid liability for the woe denounced and let the revenue take care of itself, which it could well do with a sober, prosperous citizenship to depend on.

Many persons inclined to conservatism so called especially parents, seemed to have been much impressed by what was reported between two saloonists in an adjoining country. One was complaining how his business had been falling off. The other remarked that one time he noticed that business was on the decline—the "old suckers" were being carried to the "bone yard" so rapidly and if "fresh suckers" were not forthcoming he would have to quit business.

He got busy with the young men, telling them what nice drinks he had—some of the nicest liquors ever brought to the place, and if they did not believe it just come and see for themselves and let him give them all a treat. The saloonist observed that after a few a few treats the youngsters began to buy, and business was looking up, for a few dollars in treating meant dollars in selling.

In the early fifties there were two colored men executed at Lexington, Va., for crimes committed while drunk. The time intervening was something more than a year. I was present when the last one was sentenced. He was a likely middle aged man, apparently very polite and docile. When asked by the presiding justice whether he wished to say anything he leaned forward, covered his face with his hands and in a meek, pathetic manner said: "I can't help it." Sentence was thereupon passed and the day and hour of execution fixed upon. During the intervening time, a week or more, the news spread all over Rockbridge and counties adjoining. On the day fixed upon crowds were seen on their way to Lexington and soon packed the streets and alleys with a motley concourse of men and half grown boys of all colors and conditions, three fourths of whom were in a swaggering, jovial mood. At that time whiskey and brandies could be had at the numerous distilleries at 25 or 30 cents a gallon. Hence a great many started from home with quart bottles. The saloons were crowded by such as were too high minded to bring their bottles. When it became time to prepare for the execution, the guards were furnished muskets with bayonets from the arsenal, an open cart with a coffin in it, placed at the gate and the jailer soon came out with the condemned man robed in his shroud. He was seated on the coffin. A detachment of mounted men opened the way through the crowd and the procession started for an eminence a mile or more west of Lexington, and which could be plainly seen from the town.

Very soon after this an anti-saloon agitation opened up, and the writer was invited to address an overwhelming crowd at the court house and tell about the action of the Pocahontas county court. This I did and in about ten minutes gave them an account of the affair. The agitation thus opened was taken up by lawyers, professors, ministers, editors and business men and carried on for thirty years. Not a great while

since the anti-saloonists carried their point, and no class of persons seem more pleased with the situation than the colored people themselves. There are colored men in Lexington that talk in this way. "When license was given I had to wear old hats, old and ragged overalls, and was gittin' in debt. Now I have a new hat, new overalls, and in a fair way to have a home for the old woman and the chillen, all our own." W. T. P.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES

Boys, how would you like a free trip to Washington or attend a Course in Agriculture at West Virginia University and have all your expenses paid? Besides there are cash prizes to be offered. One boy last year won \$120, as prize money; sold \$30. worth of seed corn and \$30 worth of marketable corn; or a total of \$180, for his efforts. Five thousand boys and girls joined the club last year and many more will join this year. The club is now an army of West Virginia farmers. If you are interested, write to J. Carl Cox, Academy, or the Agricultural Extension department, for the rules of joining the Boys' & Girls' Agricultural Club.

Test Your Seed Corn.

The average yield of corn in West Virginia can be doubled this season if every farmer will test his seed corn. Quit replanting! It is not profitable. You can well afford to quit replanting if you test every ear before you plant it; in fact if the testing is properly done, there will be no need of replanting. Last year the college of Agriculture tested several hundred samples of seed corn from nearly every section of the State and one sample tested 92 poor grains to every eight good ones. The average test would have given but one half a stand of corn. Do not blame the weather or the soil when you have failed to test your seed corn.

Spray. "There are no scales on my trees, I don't have to spray." This statement is often made by people who have but few trees, yet to their great surprise, in a few years their trees begin to die and then they get their "speck" and really look. But it is too late; the little scale has worked so quietly under his white shell-like cover but has finished his task and the tree is dead. If you desire information on sprays or spraying write to the College of Agriculture, Morgantown, W. Va.

Farmers' Institutes. The legislature has placed the holding of Farmers' Institutes under the charge of the Agricultural Extension Department of West Virginia University. Every farmer of the State will have an opportunity to attend at least one institute during the year. Many of West Virginia's best farmers will be instructors and the institutes will be very practical. The instructors of the College of Agriculture will assist with the institute work. Women's sessions will be encouraged, and where advisable boys' sessions will be held. The regular institutes will be held during the fall months, although some are now in session. Address all communications concerning Farmers' Institutes to the Director of Agricultural Extension, Morgantown, W. Va.

County Agricultural Agents. A competent agricultural agent is needed in every county in the State that has large agricultural interests. The duties of the county agent are many and are largely suggested by the agricultural problems of the county in which he may be working. Such a man can not know all about farming but it is his business to find out just what are the farmers' problems, then to help correct these problems and thus make the profits of the farm much greater. Every farmer he visits will give him some new idea that he can carry to the farmers of other communities that will be of assistance to them in their work. He will conduct demonstrational work among the farmers; assist boys and girls in their Agricultural Club work; gather farm statistics; study the markets and help to provide suitable ones for the products of his country; assist in the various organizations especially those that may be established for farm cooperative work; he may assist in the Farmer's Institutes, Agricultural extension schools, and such other work as farmers of the county and the College of Agriculture may deem advisable.

Mrs. H. P. Patterson has been quite ill for a week or more.—Miss Lucy Wilson left Friday morning for Millport, W. Va., to spend some time there with her sister, Mrs. Lanty McNeal.—Highland Recorder.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Editor Times:—As the fish season is opening I have concluded that my experience along that line nearly one year ago, may be of interest to some of your many readers. The following story may seem a trifle fishy, and also smell that way to a certain extent, nevertheless the writer can vouch for the truth of it for it occurred in sight of my own eyes.

On an afternoon last April Mr. Benton Cooper and I started with a double rig for the shore of the Potomac, a distance of eighteen miles, ostensibly for fish. We arrived at the river a little before sun down. The old name of this town was Quantico—what a beautiful Indian name! The present name is Potomac City. There is a fine view of the country from this place. You can very distinctly see the shore of Maryland across the Potomac, which is one and seven-eighths miles wide. There is a double track railroad through this town, known as the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac line. I have been told that many years ago there was a good harbor or wharf at this place but has long since gone where the woodbine twined. When the writer was there they were erecting another wharf 750 feet long by 60 feet in width. The water being thirty feet deep at its terminus is sufficiently deep for large boats to load and unload traffic. This industry in connection with the double line of railroad, with the fisheries at this place is destined to become a place of much importance at no distant day.

Now for the fishing industry. There are seven sail boats plying the river at Quantico. Their modus operandi for catching fish is as follows: They start out about sunrise and remain far out until ten o'clock when they return, mostly one at a time. One boat with its drag-net caught 2,200 fish, another had 2,000, while another had 1,700, and others less. The haul was considered a fairly good catch. In the afternoon those boats sailed forth again and remained out until three p. m. This catch was a very poor one; several of the boats caught only a few hundred apiece by reason of the wind rising. The wind is very detrimental to their sport. The waves lashed the shore, making the mist fly high.

With all the fish caught it is nothing to the demand. There were two horse wagons, buggies, carts and drays, almost without number there, and many had to go home without any fish. I saw one wagon load 2,000, another 1,500 and from that to less. The writer bought 300 at 40 cents per hundred. My partner wanted 1,000 but failed to get so many. The fish were of fair size averaging 12 to 15 inches in length. Stony Point on the Potomac, enjoys the reputation of handling the largest seine in the world. It is six miles in length, and requires eighty men to haul it.

The above paragraph is from the "Manassas Journal." J. F. HIVELEY. March 19, 1913.

POAGE LANE

We are having fine weather and it is good on the plowing people. John R. Poage, who has been on the sick list, is better.

Sunday school was organized here Easter Sunday. Miss Rachel Cassell, of Wanless, is visiting friends here.

We had quite a storm last Friday which did much damage. Miss Lillie McClung is staying with her sister, Mrs. C. R. Cook, of Marlinton, who has been quite sick the past few days.

J. O. Mann had the misfortune to have the top torn off his barn by the wind storm last Friday.

Wesley Irvine and family spent Easter Sunday at L. D. Sharp's. Hoxie McClung, who has been working at Stony Bottom, was at home over Sunday.

Edgar Williams will soon have his mill set.

Mr. Lydia McClung, who has been sick with grippe, is better.

Miss Rosa Poage is on the sick list. The whippoorwills and frogs have not been able to sing yet. Sugar making is about over. Wallace Dilley and Odie Gay are cutting timber for Edgar Williams at Limestone Run, and are boarding at B. McClung's. Q. W. Poage was at Marlinton last Saturday.

Dead letter list for week ending March 21. Boggs, Mrs. E. W. Easy, James Hames, Fred Lane, E. L. Unless called for will be sent to dead letter office April 5th. A. S. Overholt, P. M.

LAUREL CREEK

An Italian child died on the River and was brought here for burial last week.

H. G. Baxter of Campbelltown, was here on business last week.

Mr. Beirne, of Charleston, and Hubert Echols, of Marlinton were in this part enroute to the head of Williams River, looking over the Campbell Company's lands and prospecting for coal. They found some good coal on J. W. Sheets' farm, also in the Campbell's land is some fine coal.

Clark Kellison of Bucheye, spent Saturday and Sunday here.

The hardest storm of the winter was here Friday the 21st.

F. M. White came near having a tree fall on him while working in the woods Friday.

Jack Cruikshank of camp 4, spent Sunday with Vester Gilmer.

Preston Duncan and wife and Mrs. F. M. White spent Easter with Mrs. Duncan on Stony Creek.

Mrs. Nancy Beverage of Stony Creek, spent Sunday with her daughter here.

A. C. Barlow, of Onoto, was here to doctor some sick cows and horses, Saturday.

F. M. White is cutting and skidding his timber which he sold to the Campbell Co., to their railroad.

S. D. and Abe McClure were at Marlinton on business recently.

Edgar Smith and son Herman spent Sunday at their home at Watoga.

Vester Gilmer was at Edray and Fairview on business recently.

Jerry Friel, of Fairview, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Bertha Baxter spent Sunday with home folks.

Bernard Vanreenan has resigned his position with Summers Galford and has gone to Mill Creek on a vacation.

Lloyd VanReenan and family spent Sunday with J. L. McNeil.

Elmer Baxter is at Bridgewater, Va., spending a few days with friends.

WARWICK

Easter has come and gone. Rev. Rev. preached an able sermon to a large congregation here Sunday afternoon. It is the sincere wish of all that he may return.

We are sorry to note that J. H. Beckwith returned from the Hinton Hospital without his health being improved.

A. M. Joseph made a business trip through here one day last week.

Our school is progressing nicely and is nearing its close. Miss Lula Flanagan is teacher.

K. S. Weiford is working for Ed Roberson.

Clarence Weiford spent Easter Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Willie Dilley, in the Hills.

S. P. Landis will finish the unexpired term of carrying the mail from Warwick to Marlinton for his brother Henry, who is still confined to his room on account of sickness.

Mrs. Lena Waugh spent Easter Sunday at Beverly Waugh's.

Mrs. Andy Loan is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Landis, who has been sick for some days.

J. W. Irvine and family went to Elk to spend Easter with L. D. Sharp and family.

We understand that E. H. Landis at Mercy Hospital, Baltimore, is not getting along so well at this time.

Mrs. Allie Eubanks, of Edray was calling friends here one day last week.

Aunt Isabel Cunningham, who has been sick for some time, is no better, we are sorry to say.

There has been but little plowing done here yet owing to the weather.

HOSTERMAN

Making sugar and digging laurel is the order of the day.

Mrs. Cecil Houchin and Harrison Wright, who have been sick for sometime, are improving fast. Elmer Houchin is skidding logs for W. H. Collins.

Mrs. Sallie Wright made a flying trip to Greenbank Wednesday.

GREENBANK

We are having fine weather—no snow and so warm in day time we don't need any fire.

The Deer Creek Lumber Co. have completed their railroad to the C. A. Lightner farm, and are putting about 20' truck loads of logs to their mill near Cass daily. They lost a fine horse last week.

J. R. Gum got badly hurt while pulling stumps one day last week. The cable broke and hurled a piece of iron which struck him on the leg. He is going on crutches at present, but is improving slowly.

We are glad to see James Curry able to attend to business but he suffers greatly with his old disease, neuralgia.

Rev. W. F. Lowance preached a fine sermon last Sunday night. He left for conference Monday; we hope he will be returned to this work.

J. C. Crowley, of Wesley Chapel, is off to Staunton to attend conference.

Easter has come and gone and no storm yet.

James Stretch and wife made a trip to Durbin last week.

Dr. C. H. Chapman of Webster Springs, is repairing and making teeth for the people of this part of the county. He is a fine dentist.

L. O. Beard and F. C. Sutton, of Arbovale, were in town Monday.

W. A. Gladwell has rented the Mantz property for corn and oats this year.

ARBOVALE

Equinox, eclipse, full moon and Easter, and it did not snow.

Profs. Doddrell, of Wesley Chapel, and Wooddell, of Oak Grove, and Howard Wooddell passed through town last Saturday evening enroute to the literary on Top Alleghany.

T. J. Williams was in town Saturday; he has been doctoring a sick horse for J. A. Patterson.

After spending a few days at home, Granville Gillispie returned to Detroit, March 20.

Fred Conrad and Andy Nicholas are preparing to put up some wire fence.

Floy Gillispie made a flying trip to Dilley Mill, Saturday.

Lanty Wooddell has been trimming Mack Kerr's apple trees.

Lawrence Conrad came home from the lumber camps on Buffalo Mt., last Monday.

Don VanDevander and Brown Varner started to Shepherdstown last Monday to attend school.

Farmers are preparing to put out more corn and oats than usual; they have concluded that using grain does not pay.

Mr. Ware of Boyer, the bee man, passed through town Monday, looking for white pine lumber. He says he has orders for over one hundred hives.

There was a sugar stirring at the home of James Gillispie last Wednesday night. Those present: Misses Flossie and Annie Conrad, Mabel Woods, Mary Wooddell, Ada Varner, Edith Arbogast, Mrs. Clara Arbogast, Moses C. Riley, Brown Varner, Fred Conrad, Charles Gum, Sam Sheets, L. D. Wooddell and his two boys.

KNAPPS CREEK

Plowing is the order of the day. The weather is fine and feed is plentiful.

P. M. Harper continues very ill.

C. C. Sheets, who is sawing lumber for J. A. Cleek, expects to do some sawing on the farm of D. F. Shinaberry.

Neil Pritchard has been doing some skidding, but he says his ox has given out.

Grover Moore has been on the sick list but is able to be out again.

Walter Hively and wife are visiting friends and relatives on Knapps Creek.

A. C. Shinaberry had the misfortune to loose two very fine cattle last week.

W. G. Ruckman is having lumber sawed to repair his mill.

Price Moore purchased a fine team in Highland last week. Also M. F. Herold purchased a fine team of W. L. Chestnut of Bath.

L. A. Bussard is working for H. I. Shinaberry.

E. P. Shinaberry and Ellis Bussard were on the Creek one day last week.

Mrs. Maria Herold is improving slowly.

H. I. Shinaberry made a flying trip to Marlinton one day last week.

ONOTO

We are having some warm spring days and the farmers are making good use of the fine weather—plowing and getting ready for their spring crops.

E. C. Smith closed a very successful term of school at Pine Grove, March 21, with a spelling match that night. He deserves much credit for the way he conducted his school.

Robert Jordan and wife spent Easter with Mrs. Jordan's parents Mr. and Mrs. George C. Moore.

Miss Mabel Baxter came home Saturday from Academy where she closes her school.

Forrest Malcomb and wife of Marlinton, were visiting at P. L. Carter's Sunday.

E. B. Smith of Marlinton, was here Monday looking after business.

C. C. Baxter was at Marlinton Saturday for a load of goods.

Mrs. John Campbell, of Riverside, spent Sunday with her parents at this place.

G. H. Vanreenan and wife spent Sunday with their son Ernest at this place.

FROST

Mrs. Aaron Sharp and baby spent a few days with friends and relatives in Marlinton.

Misses Grace Rider and Lola Buzzard of Marlinton, spent Sunday at their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence spent Sunday at the home of the latter's father, Wilson Rider.

Dorse McCarty was at Clover Lick, Saturday on business.

Miss Clara Jordan has closed her school at Siltington, and is at home.

Bunk Jones of Monterey, passed town last Saturday.

Patrick Howdyshell and Mrs. Lowe were married last Wednesday the 19th, at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Betty Howdyshell. We wish them a long life of happiness and prosperity together.

Price Moore passed through town with a fine team of gray mares which he had purchased from a Mr. Jones in Highland.

Miss Margaret and Glen Pritchard spent Sunday with their schoolmates Vera, Glenna, Raymond and Richard Gibson.

Sherman Curry is setting his mill which he bought of H. E. Nixon on his place and expects to saw quite a lot of lumber. He has also purchased Amos Kelley's blacksmith tools and expects to run a shop at this place.

Mrs. Dorse McCarty, accompanied by Mrs. W. J. Pritchard and baby, made a flying trip to Dunmore Friday, where they took advantage of Miss Ella Pritchard's millinery opening.

Our merchant, W. J. Pritchard, has been busy for several days taking invoice of his stock of goods.

Rev. G. W. McClelland after spending several days in Kentucky returned last Saturday.

Mrs. N. P. Sharp and son Willie spent Sunday on the east side of the mountain.

Sherman Buzzard passed thro' town Sunday enroute to Clover Lick to meet his daughter, Miss Nelia, who returned with him that evening.

Misses Kate and Lucile Carey, of Huntersville, visited their sister, Mrs. Clarence Jordan.

Mrs. Clay Drepperd is on the sick list.

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